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FALL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

SASKATCHEWAN ELKS ASSOCIATION FALL NEWSLETTER

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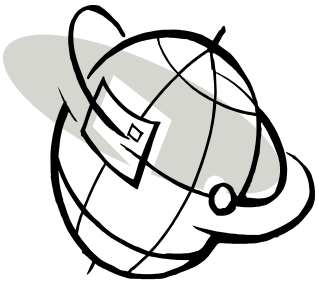

TRUCKS & BUCKS

2026 Trucks & Bucks Lottery:

Watch for updated information, Your Support is Greatly Appreciated, we need your help for this draw to be a Success!

Thank you.

Provincial President, Bro. Gordon Brown

My theme for this upcoming year is "**Nobody Does it Like the Elks**" it's an honor to stand before such a proud and passionate group of individuals, people bound not just by membership but by a deep commitment to service, fellowship and community. Our theme today is one that resonates deeply with all of us **Nobody Does it Like the Elks**.

Now let's take a moment and think about that, when disaster strikes who steps up before being asked? when a local school needs supplies or a family needs support, who's already on their way with open hands and open hearts? Nobody steps in for kids and families in crisis faster or more quickly than our Lodges. This isn't new it's in our DNA. it goes back Generations- to our founding values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. These aren't just words on our walls, they are the compass that guides every action we take. We built playgrounds where there were none, we've delivered food to families no one else remembered. I have heard stories of Elks helping after floods and fires, delivering supplies to First Responders, setting up shelters, and checking in on elderly Neighbors when no one else did; not because it was convenient- but because it was right and that's what sets us apart. There's something incredibly powerful about walking into a Lodge and being greeted not as a stranger, but as a Brother, a Sister, and a friend. where your name matters or where your story is welcome. where laughter is shared, support is offered, and bonds are formed that stretch across Generations. In a world that can feel more divided than ever, the Elks are Beacon of what's still good. we're a reminder that community matters, that people still care, and that we Rise by lifting others, and our young people need that. **Nobody Does it Like the Elks** that's not just a slogan it's a statement or fact; it's the truth born from generations of service. From the smallest town lodges to our largest communities, the Elks have always led with compassion, integrity, and action. We don't wait for the spotlight. we don't serve for applause. we do what's right quietly, consistently, and completely. We are the quiet guardians of transition and the Bold champions of tomorrow. we are volunteers, leaders, neighbors, and friends. and we are united by a simple belief: that giving back isn't just something we do - ***It's Who We Are.***

Look around this room; look at the faces of seasoned members and new ones alike- each with a story, each with a reason why they give their time, their hearts, and their talents. The truth is this, many organizations do good… BUT! **Nobody Does it Like The Elks**- with the same depth of Loyalty, with the same sense of Duty, with the same unwavering Spirit of Brotherhood and Benevolence. So, let's look forward to the year ahead, let's carry this thing with pride. Let It echo in every project we lead, every hand we extend, and every heart we touch. Let it remind us- and everyone we meet- that when the Elks show up, they show up with Purpose, they show up with Compassion and they show up to Make a Difference. So, let's wear that Truth like a Badge of Honor. Let's make sure our communities continue to feel the strength of our presence, the warmth of our support, and the legacy of our commitment. Because when the Elks show up, Hope, Unity, & Change show up. And that's why now and always in the end its true, Many, can try. Others May follow. but- **Nobody Does it Like the Elks!**

Thank you all and may the great work of the Elks always continue.

Saskatchewan Elks Provincial Bowling

Host: Canwood Lodge #183

Date to Be Held: November 7-9

Location: Canwood Saskatchewan

This Event is open to all Elks and Royal Purple Elks members & friends (single or couple).

Each team must have at least 2 members of the Elks or Elks Royal Purple.

Team Registration:

Team 1: Team Name:

_____

Team 1 members:

_____/_____

_____/_____

Team 2: Team Name:

_____

Team 2 members:

_____/_____

_____/_____

Team Registration Fee: $400.00

Individual Bowler Fee: $100.00

Guest Price (non bowlers): $75.00 (includes all meals)

Includes: Bowling, **Friday night;** snacks, **Saturday**: continental breakfast, soup & sandwich lunch and supper,

Sunday: pancake breakfast & light lunch.

Please make all cheques payable to:

Canwood Elks Lodge #183 (payable at the event)

Email entries to: Ron Samson
rc.samson@yahoo.ca

You will get a confirmation email when we receive your registration.

Fee Totals:

Bowlers: _____ X_____=_____

Guests: _____X_____=_____

Total: _____

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No debit or ATM on site, cash only. ATM available at the Bar and Co-op.

Walk-A-Thon

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

The Moosomin Elks are pleased to be hosting the 50th Annual Walkathon and also Celebrating our Lodge's 75th anniversary.

We have a good selection of Motel rooms to choose from;

Motel 6 is where we have booked a block of rooms (20 rooms)

-1 Queen bed- 109.95 per night

-2 Queen beds- 119.95 per night

Must reserve by Oct 1st- Under Moosomin Elks

Canalta -10 rooms set aside under Moosomin Elks

-1 or 2 Queen beds or 1 King bed 139.00 per night

Must reserve by Oct 1st under Moosomin Elks

Best Western Plus (no rooms blocked)

2 Queen bed or 1 King Bed 139.00 per night

Country Squire Inn (no rooms blocked)

1 Queen bed 79.00

2 Queen Beds 89.00

Please come join us for the 50th Annual Walkathon and help the Moosomin Lodge celebrate their 75th anniversary. We will show you a good time filled with old and new friends coming together!

Ron Potter, Chairperson — Chris Davidson, Co Chairperson

Calendar of Events 2025-2026

PROVINCIAL MIXED BOWLING	Nov. 7-8, 2025	CANWOOD
NATIONAL CURLING	Nov. 27-29, 2025	SWIFT CURRENT
MID-TERM MEETING	Jan. 30-31, 2026	SASKATOON
PROVINCIAL MIXED DARTS	Mar 13-14, 2026	*TBD
ELKS 97TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE	June 11-14, 2026	SHAUNAVON
MIXED GOLF TOURNAMENT	June 26-27, 2026	MOOSE MOUNTAIN
NATIONAL CONVENTION	July 14-16, 2026	GANDER, NL
51ST ANNUAL WALK-A-THON	Oct. 16-17, 2026	*TBD
PROVINCIAL MIXED BOWLING	Nov. 13-14, 2026	MELFORT

*TBD To Be Determined

Member Services

MY B.P.O.E. MEMBERSHIP CARD

I hold in my hand a little piece of card paper about 2 inches by 3 inches in size. It has no intrinsic value, not a bond, not a check or a receipt for valuables, yet it is one of my most prized possessions. It represents my Membership in my Elks Lodge. It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with fellow Elks to practice charity in word & in deed; to forgive & forget the faults of my Brethren & Sisters; to hush the tongue of scandal & innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry & the sick; & to be fair & just to all mankind. It tells me that no matter where I travel, I am welcome among Brothers, Sisters & friends of The Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks. It tells me that my loved ones, my home & my household are under the protection of every member of this Great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect & defend mine as I have sworn to protect & defend theirs. It further tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Elk in this great country will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities. & finally, it tells me that when my final exit from this stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends, Brothers & Sisters who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, & will forget my faults, though they might be many. It tells me that & a great deal more, this little card, it makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this wonderful passport into a Society of Friends, Brothers, & Sisters that are numbered in the tens of thousands. Author Unknown

Senior Citizens Homes

We currently have 8 locations for our Low-Income Senior Citizens Homes throughout the Province:

Davidson – 6 1-bedroom Units, and 4 Bachelor Units
Esterhazy – 12 1-bedroom Units and 4 larger 1-bedroom Units
Hanley – 12 2-Bedroom Units
Moose Jaw – 20 1-Bedroom Units
Moosomin – 20 1-Bedroom Units
Nipawin – 20 1-Bedroom Units
Prince Albert – 20 1-Bedroom Units
Rosetown – 16 1-Bedroom Units and 1 Bachelor Unit
Total of 135 Units

We are consistently updating, fixing, repairing and replacing items inside and outside of the rental Units.

In 2025-2027 we hope to replace additional furnaces, water heaters, flooring, windows, countertops, cupboards, re-do bathrroms and roofs, Your Donations help make this possible, so Thank you.

If you have a Special Event that you would like the Provincial President to attend please email us at skprovelks@sasktel.net

Calling all Elks & RP Elks!

We need you!

Looking for Provincial Bowling Chairman and a District #8 Representative

We Need "U" to sUcceed

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We're on the Web!

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Website/Facebook

Please let us know your what's happening in your Lodges. Share your stories and activities with us so we can share on the Website and on Facebook.

It is important that we keep the Website and Facebook updated, we need to keep our Name out there and let people know what we do and how we do it.

Please forward any and all information to the Publicity Director, Kira Andreen at **kjandreen29@outlook.com** as well as the Provincial Office so we can share through the Newsletters and Bulletins. **skprovelks@sasktel.net**

Thank You

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PLEASE KEEP THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE UPDATED ON THE INFORMATION FOR YOUR LODGE:

LODGE DIRECTORY REPORT: WHO IS THE GER, SECRETARY, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, EMAILS, MEETING NIGHTS & TIMES AS WELL AS LOCATION. FORM WILL BE SENT TO SECRETARY ON FILE IN MARCH OR APRIL. DUE JUNE 4.

IN MEMORIAM: WHO WE HAVE LOST DURING THE YEAR SUBMITTED BY MAY 1, 2026. FORMS WILL BE SENT IN JANUARY.

SUBMIT YOUR **PER CAPITA TAXES** BY FERUARY 17, 2026 BASED ON DECEMBER 31, 2025 – FORMS WILL BE SENT IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK UPDATES HAPPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SEND US YOUR INFO AND WE WOULD BE HAPPEN TO ADD IT TO OUR WEBSITE.

THANK YOU

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Just as the Elk rises with the dawn, so too must we rise in the face of adversity, knowing that we possess the strength to endure.